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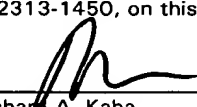
Appln No.: 09/291,953 *09/921,953* )  
 Filed: August 3, 2001 )  
 Applicant(s): AKASHE et al. )  
 Title: STABLE AND BIOAVAILABLE )  
           IRON FORTIFIED BEVERAGES )  
 Art Unit: 1761 )  
 Examiner: Pratt, Helen F. )  
 Attorney Docket No.: 67291 )  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

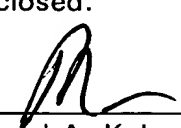
- ☒ A response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, totaling 16 pages.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the 3<sup>rd</sup> month is attached.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	6	4	** = 2	x \$ 86.00	= \$ 172.00
Total Claims	36	26	* = 10	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 180.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 352.00

- ☒ Charge \$ 352.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

March 2, 2004  
 Date

  
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